

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 18th February 2019

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Stephen Wormell – Chairman
 Simon Dougherty – Vice Chairman
 Jonathan Andrews
 David Grover
 Peter Hine
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatte

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr R Davidson, 11 members of public and Clerk

520/15	Apologies for absence Cllr A Frost, ECC Cllr K Bentley and Tim Pickard, CBC Zone Warden	
521/15	Announcements -none	
522/15	<p>Public Questions</p> <p>A member of public asked for clarification that the Full Parish Council supported the request for the speeding issues in Layer Road to be taken up with ECC. This was confirmed and Cllr Kibblewhite advised that he was acting as liaison for the Parish Council with Cllr Bentley and had raised this issue on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>A member of the public introduced himself as Mayor of West Mersea Town Council and encouraged the council to support the ECC Devolution project. He reported that within 3 years all parishes would be expect to participate and that ECC are suggesting that parishes could group together to provide services. The Chairman thanked him for his input and advised that this council had agreed to not participate in the pilot scheme, but would keep a watching brief on how it proceeded.</p>	
523/15	Declarations of interest – none	

524/15	<p>Reports from County and Borough Cllrs and CBC Zone Warden</p> <p>Cllr R Davidson reminded the meeting that the ECC Library consultation ended on 21st February.</p> <p>Colchester Borough Council are meeting this week to set the budget for 2019/20, there is likely to be an increase in Council Tax of 2.97%. Essex County Council are raising their precept by 4% and Essex Police by 5%.</p> <p>2 of the soldier silhouettes have been stolen from neighboring villages, so Cllr Davidson is now storing all remaining silhouettes and Councils can collect them from him.</p> <p>Tim Pickard, CBC Zone Warden is organizing a litter pick as part of the National Spring Clean, volunteers are required.</p> <p>West Mersea Town Council had agreed to fund 4 Special Constables and 2 had now been recruited and should be operational later in the year.</p>	
525/15	<p>Minutes of meeting – 7th January 2019</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr S Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Hine</p>	
526/15	<p>Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lion – Cllr Dougherty advised that Cllr Mattack had spoken on behalf of the Parish Council at the CBC Planning Committee meeting on 31st January. The decision of the committee was to defer the decision for 4-6 weeks. A Working Party was formed consisting of Cllrs Wormell, Dougherty, Kibblewhite and Mattack and CBC Cllrs Davidson and Moore, to consider the way forward. A meeting was held on 4th February and a questionnaire was circulated to every property in the village to seek opinions on the proposal to create a Community Shop on the site. At a meeting of the Working Group on 18th February, it was reported that 120 replies had been received, of these 118 had supported the idea of a Community Shop, with 70 residents offering to volunteer to work in the shop and 54 offering to join the Project Team. 4 volunteers who were felt to have the relevant experience will be approached to join the Project Team to assist the Parish Council. The applicants' agent and CBC Planning Officer will be 	<p>Action</p> <p>Working Party to proceed as per proposals</p> <p>Clerk to advise CBC and applicant of councils' intentions</p>

advised of this. At the meeting on 18th February the following was agreed –

1. Considerable interest and community support had been received sufficient to take forward
2. Need assistance to take forward. 4 individuals approached and requested to have individual discussions with the Working Party at a meeting on 20th February.
3. Need to produce a Business Plan as a matter of urgency.
4. Need to draft plan as a matter of urgency
5. Need to meet with CBC Planning Office Chris Harden to discuss proposals
6. Need to meet with the applicant's agent, Robert Pomery to discuss proposals
7. Need to consider the Parish Council providing financial assistance to the project. Some individuals have indicated that they may be willing to provide some financial support to the project.
8. In interests of data security – all paper copies of responses will be shredded; all email responses will be deleted. The spreadsheet containing the analysis is encrypted and the full version is only available to Working Party members as required. An anonymous edition, with ALL personal details redacted, could be made available.
9. Working Party to meet again very soon

The following proposals were made and voted on –

- Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council proceeds with its intention to establish a community shop in the new development proposed to replace The Lion – Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Wormell, agreed unanimously.
- Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council considers in principal a grant from reserves to assist in fitting out such a shop –

	<p>Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Wormell, agreed unanimously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council authorizes the working Party to continue to seek assistance from residents and to enter into negotiations with the Developer and CBC, on behalf of the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Grover, agreed unanimously <p>It was noted that support had been received from Fingringhoe and Winsted Hundred Parish Councils’ and it was agreed to send details of the proposals to those councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite reported that since his meeting with ECC Cllr Bentley in November 2018 very little had been achieved. He is still actively pursuing all these matters and in addition will ask ECC to consider moving the speed signage in Layer Road to the Layer side of Rectory Lane. In the matter of the speeding issues in Layer Road, Cllr Bentley had advised that if the Parish Council was prepared to fund a further speed survey, this could be achieved quicker and would cost £200. There was some discussion as to whether information gleaned from the survey would actually result in any action being undertaken by ECC and could be a waste of money. Cllr Kibblewhite proposed and Cllr Hine seconded that the Clerk approach ECC to ascertain if they could provide any guarantee that actions would be taken if a survey identified speeding issues. Also to ascertain the timeframe for the survey to be undertaken if supported financially by the council and obtain assurances that the council would have an input into the exact location of the survey. 	<p>Action Cllr Kibblewhite to continue to pursue matters Clerk to contact ECC regarding survey</p>
527/15	<p>Planning applications and decisions 182888 – 9 Sawkins Close – amendments to application – no objection Decision notice 183050 – 15 Fingringhoe Road, granted</p>	
528/15	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Hirst – Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner had advised of his budget proposals for 19/20 and his plans for the 	

	<p>coming year – Cllrs provided with a copy and details to be placed on website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC – details of pay award wef 1.4.19 • CBC Planning Policy Manager – update on position of Local Plan • RCCE – invitation to enter Village of Year Competition, declined • Request from resident for Council to encourage bus companies to run buses to time and keep timetable information up to date 	Action – Clerk to write to First Buses and Hedingham												
529/15	<p>Finance and Accounts – February 2019</p> <p>Accounts payable – the following payments were approved – schedule 217</p> <table> <tr> <td>E-ON – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£54.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A and J Lighting – call out</td> <td>£117.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A and J Lighting – maintenance</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Mattack – travelling expenses</td> <td>£9.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks salary</td> <td>£196.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paye</td> <td>£49.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Hine that the cheques listed on schedule 217 be approved for payment. Signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty.</p>	E-ON – streetlight electricity	£54.21	A and J Lighting – call out	£117.00	A and J Lighting – maintenance	£60.90	M Mattack – travelling expenses	£9.00	Clerks salary	£196.00	Paye	£49.00	
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530/15	<p>Newsletter – to consider improvements</p> <p>Cllrs Palmer-Slatter and Frost had met with a company from Peldon who were interested in producing the newsletter. The cost would be £120+vat for 400 copies and £130+vat for 500 copies. The newsletter would be printed in full colour and the cost would be offset by advertisements. Cllr Palmer-Slatter said that this would make the newsletter more attractive to residents and proposed that the company should be asked to produce future newsletters and she would coordinate between the council and the publishers. Unanimously agreed.</p>	Action – Cllr Palmer-Slatter to contact publisher												
531/15	<p>Streetlights – to consider replacement with LED's</p> <p>A quote had been received to replace complete units with LED's for £349 per unit. Cllrs Dougherty and Andrews were concerned about replacing the existing lights when LED's have not proved to be a successful option. Cllr Dougherty offered to look into this further.</p>	Action Clerk to provide information regarding location of lights and current fail rate												

	<p>matting under the adult gym equipment but had not had a response. This will be chased. Cllr Palmer-Slatton advised that a resident would like to install a bench seat in the children's play area and this was agreed. This would be added to the councils Assets Register.</p> <p>11. CALC – no meeting has been held</p> <p>12. WW1 Centenary – already reported under church matters</p> <p>13. Broadband – Cllr Kibblewhite has still not had any response from either BT or Openreach. County Broadband were holding a meeting in the Village Hall on 25th February at 8pm to discuss bringing their services to the village. County Broadband had advised that they had received 20% response to the letters sent out to residents before Christmas.</p> <p>14. Markes Wood – the ditch behind the play area needs clearing and Cllr Grover will look into this</p> <p>15. Speedwatch – sessions will begin again soon. It was reported that Essex Police had undertaken a speed survey in the village on 12th February</p>	
534/15	Next meeting – 11 th March 2019	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm